SENATE BILL 3140 By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, relative to Internet services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, is amended by adding Section 2 of this act as new part 51.

SECTION 2.

- (a) The failure of any Internet service provider that offers digital subscriber line technology or broadband Internet access to more than ten (10) persons on an asymmetric DSL line or on a network loop to provide access to such service to all persons on such asymmetric DSL line or network loop is a violation of this chapter.
- (b) For the purpose of application of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, any violation of this part shall be construed to constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting the conduct of trade or commerce and subject to the penalties and remedies as provided by such act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.